

as well as diversion of traffic to other routes, brought the downfall of Soldiers Summit. Many of the railroad facilities were removed, and with them went the people.

Today the ghost town has only a school with 12 pupils and one teacher. The businesses are few, and depend entirely on highway traffic for their support.

HAILSTONE

Hailstone, or Elkhorn as it has been known at times, was homesteaded in 1864 and 1865 in an area about nine miles north of Heber. The original settlers were William Paret Hailstone, Ann Davis Hailstone, William Davis and William Denton Moulton. During the time of homesteading William Davis married Mary Goddard Collins and William Moulton married Mary Lee and then later Mary Ann Davis.

Each of the original settlers homesteaded large acreages. They built small, log homes until larger dwellings could be constructed. One of the most elegant homes was built in 1877 by William Moulton, who prospered in many business ventures.

The house was constructed from sandstone brought from the Lake Creek area. Two front bedrooms were for his wives Mary and Mary Ann. Between the bedrooms was a large, beautiful parlor. There were two staircases leading to the upper story which included several more bedrooms. The house had two bathrooms, a luxury for its day, a huge, almost



The first log house in Hailstone. Owned by William Davis. Shown here on the horse is Rex Blackley.

Log cabin — between
was 2 white houses
home of
Grandma Davis
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